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Sightsinging and Ear Training I (MUSI 1170)

Professor: Andrew Davis

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Course information:

- Course: Sight Singing and Ear Training I, MUSI 1170
- Time: TTh, 10:00–11:00am
- Locations (all room numbers in MSM):
 - Davis: 108
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 - Gesteland: 112
 - Jaquith: 116
- Course web site (this page): <http://www.uh.edu/~adavis5/musi1170>

Course description:

This is a course in developing your skills in listening to and understanding music. Your acquisition of these skills is measured in two ways: (1) your ability to vocally reproduce musical patterns and melodies, and (2) your ability to accurately transcribe music upon hearing it. The former is generally known as "sight singing" (although it does not *always* involve singing music on sight); the latter is known as dictation. You will be tested in each of these areas in class (by singing in class and taking dictation quizzes) and on exams (a midterm and a final). Everyone will be heard singing in class on a regular basis. Keep in mind: this is *not* a course in singing; we will not discuss vocal technique in any meaningful detail, and you will not be evaluated on your vocal quality.

Prerequisites:

- You must have taken the theory placement exam and received permission to enroll in the course.
- You must be enrolled concurrently Theory I (MUSI 1310).

Required materials: all available in the University Bookstore, 126 University Center (713.743.0923)

- Benjamin, Horvit, and Nelson. *Music for Sight Singing*. 3rd edition (2000).
- Horvit, Koozin, and Nelson. *Music for Ear Training* (2001).
- Pencils, erasers, and music manuscript paper. [A packet of 8.5 x 11 manuscript paper in various formats is available at the University Copy Center (in the University Center). Use these as masters from which you may make as many photocopies as needed. Ask for packet no. 46, or ask for it under my name and the course number (MUSI 1310).] If you use a notebook for class notes, it may be useful to have a notebook of manuscript paper.

Attendance:

- This is a course in skill development, and thus your regular attendance is crucial.
- You are allowed four absences for any reason.
- Beyond this number, each absence will lower your grade one level (e.g., an A becomes an A-, a C+ becomes a C, etc.).

Evaluation:

- Singing: 50% (in-class singing 25%, midterm 12.5%, final exam 12.5%). Everyone will be heard singing in class once per week, during most weeks in the semester. You are responsible for learning and coming to class prepared to sing any assigned material.
- Dictation: 50% (in-class quizzes 25%, midterm 12.5%, final exam 12.5%)
- **IMPORTANT:** in order to pass the course you must earn a passing grade in **both** the singing and dictation portions of the course.

Grade distribution will be according to the standard scale of percentages, as follows:

- A: 92.5–100
- A-: 90.0–92.5
- B+: 87.5–90.0
- B: 82.5–87.5
- B-: 80.0–82.5
- C+: 77.5–80.0
- C: 72.5–77.5
- C-: 70.0–72.5
- D+ 67.5–70.0
- D: 62.5–67.5
- D-: 60.0–62.5
- F: below 60.0

NOTE: a grade of at least C- is necessary to continue in the theory and ear-training course sequence.

Assignments and quizzes:

- Assignments provide a means for you to practice the material covered in class and a means for your instructor to evaluate your proficiency with the material. **Assignments are due at the beginning of class on the date indicated. Late assignments will not be accepted** (without a valid [medical] excuse). You are responsible for the work assigned in class even if you are absent.
- Quizzes provide a means for your instructor to test your comprehension of the material covered in class. Quizzes are normally short and do not occupy the entire class meeting. **Make-up quizzes will not be given.**

Other information:

- On academic dishonesty and plagiarism: You are expected to do your own work on all assignments, quizzes, and exams unless otherwise instructed. Any questions concerning academic dishonesty will be handled according to the procedures outlined in the undergraduate student handbook and in the undergraduate course catalog.
- Please turn off cell phones and other paging devices; students may be excused from the class for creating excessive disruptions.
- Last day to drop with no grade: September 22.
- Last day to drop or withdraw from the course: November 4.
- If you have a disability that affects your ability to complete assignments, quizzes, or exams in a timely manner, please inform your instructor at the beginning of the semester so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

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